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Diplomacy: Have five, need two.

Gunboat: Have four, need three.

Outpost: Starts on page 6!

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Random Notes

Welcome to this, the 111th issue of CCC and
the 91st of my editorship.

After some thought, it occurs to me that it is
time for me to run this Diplomacy zine down to a
fold. As I was working on this issue, I realized that
my desire to do a publication of this sort was
simply gone. I guess eight plus years has been
enough for me. I now looking at doing CCC not as
something fun or that I really enjoy doing, but
rather as something I must do out of obligation.
This issue could easily have been out several days
sooner; I simply had a hard time mustering up the
will and energy to get the zine out.

As a result, the Acquire, Winter 1898 and
Destroyer Captain game openings are cancelled.
The Outpost game starts this issue. The Diplo-
macy and Gunboat games on offer will be the final
game starts in this zine. My apologies to all that
were effected by my decision not to continue to
offer certain game starts; under the circumstances
it's probably the best thing.

As for the existing games, I will GM these out
to their natural conclusion. Please note that I do
not regard (despite my occasional mistakes) Diplo-
macy as something that is particularly hard or
time consuming to GM.

Obviously, as the number of games decreases,
so too will the content of the zine. I am planning to
run CCC as a zine proper for several more issues
(probably through issue 120, my 100th as editor)
though this is subject to change depending on how
the games proceed. After that, CCC will go down
to a smaller flyer, until the games are all done in,
I would guess, about two years. Once I go down to
the flyer level, I'll eat the cost of the publication
(which should be pretty minimal, given that I
won't have more than 15 players by then...). At
the point when I go to a flyer, if you have paid for
issue that I won't be putting out or if you've been
knocked out of all of your games, I'll refund the
balance.

Thank you all for your understanding.

Oh, and one editorial comment: Go Tar Heels!
In any case, on to the letter column.

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Reforming the Milk Industry in N.C.

Over the past few years, an advertising campaign has stressed the wholesomeness and hipness of drinking milk. By portraying celebrities with milk mustaches, the dairy industry has done much to increase its exposure and sales. In recent months, though, a second, less wholesome spin campaign has been on involving milk. North Carolina dairy farmers have argued that pending changes in federal milk rules threatened to make them extinct, causing a worrisome reliance on producers in other parts of the country, and, ultimately higher milk prices for North Carolians. Such claims, however, are more bull than anything else. Regardless of the new federal rules, a smaller milk industry will survive in North Carolina while reforms can only help consumers and taxpayers.

Since the Great Depression, the federal government has been the dominant force in determining the amount and price of most agricultural products produced in the U.S. Over the years, the dairy program has become perhaps the most arcane of these many agricultural protection schemes. Federal law requires that milk producers receive at least a set, minimum price for their product. This minimum price, however, is not the same in all parts of the country. Rather, the nation is divided into 31 regions, with farmers paid differing amounts according to which area they are in. Farmers in lush milk producing areas, such as the Upper Midwest, are paid a lower price than those in areas like the Carolinas where hot summers stress cows and reduces production.

Of course, this federal program comes at a high price to tax payers and consumers. Government estimates place these costs as high as \$1.7 billion per year. Simple reforms could easily reduce the price of milk by \$.20 gallon. Put another way, with what the average family of four spend between higher prices and tax payments during the 1980s, they could have bought a dairy cow. It has also led to such absurdities as the 1980s handout of surplus cheese — a storable milk product — which was the direct result of overproduction caused by federal milk policy.

In 1996, Congress passed a agricultural reform bill, which included the dairy program. For the dairy industry, this meant that the government would no longer — as it had since 1949 — buy up excess milk production. The U.S. Department of

Agriculture would also have to change by April, 1999 how the minimum price system worked with the aim of making the system more market oriented. One factor which may well influence this redesign is a November 1997 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge David Doty that the system was "arbitrary and capricious" in paying farmers in the Upper Midwest less than other dairy farmers.

North Carolina dairy farmers, not surprising, look at Doty's ruling and the prospects for reforms with pure dread as they are major beneficiaries under the current rules. As Dewitt Hardee, a manager in the N.C. Department of Agriculture put it: "If it becomes effective, it will be crushing. It will probably be the final nail in the coffin for our dairy farmers." North Carolina dairy industry backers further contend that without a higher guaranteed price to ensure their survival, local costumers would actually face higher milk prices as the state would be dependent on milk brought in, at high cost, from other parts of the country.

While such views are understandable, they ignore several key points. Despite the generous federal milk program, the number of dairies in North Carolina has dropped since 1945 from 183,000 to only about 1,300 today. This drop is not surprising, given that the official definition of a dairy is the ownership of *one milk cow*. With the move away from small scale farming, most small operations have disappeared. There is no reason to believe that further consolidation won't happen in the future, regardless of federal policy.

That said, there is little reason to believe that the dairying in North Carolina will be whipped out. Milk is reasonably expensive to transport with a limited shelf life. As Jay Bryant of the Carolina Virginia Milk Producers Association put it, "the cost of transportation would greatly outweigh the extra dollars it takes to keep local farmers in business." As long as local farmers' costs are lower than that of the combined costs of producing and shipping in milk from elsewhere, they will survive. If this is not the case, they will not and, fundamentally, should not survive. In either case, the average North Carolinian and the state's and nation's overall economy will be better off with substantial milk price reform.

— Michael Lowrey

House Rules for Diplomacy

The below listed house rules supersede all previously published house rules.

1. Preference lists for gamestarts will be accepted, but not published. A player can also specify people he/she does not want to play with, but then is not guaranteed a spot in the game.

2. CCC uses the 1982 Avalon Hill Rules. Abbreviations for CCC will consist of the first three letters of a province name. I will accept any abbreviation that is not ambiguous; the following is a list of suggested ones for touchy situations:

Bot — Gulf of Bothnia, Naf — North Africa, Lyo — Gulf of Lyon, Nth — North Sea, Nat — North Atlantic, Nwy — Norway, Nwg — Norwegian Sea, Tyn — Tyrrhenian Sea, Tyl — Tyrolia

The following abbreviations will also be used:

A — Army, F — Fleet, H — Holds, C — Convoys, S — Supports, U — Unordered, d — dislodged, r — retreats to, ann — annihilated, ec — east coast, nc — north coast, sc — south coast, OTM — ordered to move, OTB — off the board, NSO — no such order, NSU — no such unit, NMR — No move received, NRR — No build received, NVR — No vote receive, NRR — No retreat received

3. Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring seasons will always be played together, unless a request for a season separation is made by 33% or more of the players. The GM also reserves the right to make a separation in certain circumstances, but will not automatically separate Winter 1901 from Spring 1902. Conditional orders will always be accepted.

4. Orders for a game should include name of game, date, game season, and country played. I'll use the latest set of orders received and will accept orders by phone or email. Orders will be accepted for future seasons and perpetual orders will be accepted; general orders will not be accepted.

5. Orders which fail will be underlined. A player who NMRs will have a standby player called for

that position. If a second consecutive NMR occurs, a player will forfeit his position, game fee and remaining subscription. There will always be a standby player called; no Civil Disorders will occur in this zine.

6. Errors in the adjudication must be brought to the GM's attention before the next deadline or they stand. The written adjudication takes precedence over the map. A player who has not received the adjudication by 2 weeks after the deadline should contact me to see what happened. The player bears all responsibility for NMRs which occur as a result of the postal service losing the zine or his/her orders.

7. Spring 1901 orders will be due the deadline after the gamestart announcement. This period will be extend by an additional deadline at a single player's request. If a player does not submit orders by the original deadline a standby will be called to submit orders just as in any other season and the deadline will be extended.

8. Proposals to end the game before an 18-center win will be accepted anytime after Spring 1905. One negative vote is enough to kill any proposal, and a NVR will count as a yes. Any result will be allowed, except a concession or draw involving a player who is no longer in the game. I will not publish a player's vote for any reason but will publish the number of votes cast yea or nay. The GM also reserves the right to end a game which has a demonstrable stalemate line or which has not changed supply center distribution in three game-years.

9. Press is encouraged, but cannot be conditional. Black press is prohibited; grey press is allowed. The GM reserves the right to edit press for content or length.

10. Attempted deception of the GM will not be tolerated. It also will not succeed, as I am all-knowing and all powerful...

— MPL

Konrad Adenauer (97W) Winter 1902

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Supply Center Chart

<i>England</i>	(5)	bel, edi, lon, lpl, nwy
<i>France</i>	(5)	bre, mar, par, por, spa
<i>Germany</i>	(5)	ber, den, hol, kie, mun
<i>Italy</i>	(7)	nap, rom, ser, tri, tun, ven, vie
<i>Russia</i>	(8)	ank, bud, mos, rum, sev, stp, swe, war
<i>Turkey</i>	(4)	bul, gre, con, smy

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Deadline: Spring 1903 orders are due April 20.

Notes: Separartion of seasons by player request. Also please note that I misfiled Ed Rothenheber's orders last turn. The net effect of this is Austria still got crushed and all unit position are the same. Press is on page 9.

<i>England</i>	F Eng r Lon. Build F Lpl. Has F Lpl, F Nwy, A Bel, F Lon, F Nth
<i>France</i>	A bur r otb. Build F Bre. Has F Bre, F Eng, F Mid, A Pic, A Spa
<i>Germany</i>	Has A Mun, A Kie, A Bur, A Den H, F Hol H
<i>Italy</i>	Build A Ven, A Rom. Has A Ven, A Rom, A Tyl, A Vie, A Ser, F Ion, F Tun
<i>Russia</i>	Build A Mos, A War. Has A Ank, F Bla, A Rum, A Bud, A War, A Mos, F Bot, A Swe
<i>Turkey</i>	Has F Gre, F Aeg, A Bul, A Con



Aquitania

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Deadline: Turn one orders and Outpost names are due April 20.

Pat Conlon
David Hood
Keith Oschman
David Partridge
Kevin Wilson

Factories/Upgrades

<u>Outpost</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Upgrades</u>	<u>VP</u>
Conlon	OrF, OrF, WaF		3
Hood	OrF, OrF, WaF		3
Oschman	OrF, OrF, WaF		3
Partridge	OrF, OrF, WaF		3
Wilson	OrF, OrF, WaF		3

Purchase Order: Oschman, Conlon, Wilson, Hood, Partridge

Colony Upgrade Cards Available: Data Library (15), 2 Warehouse (25), Heavy Equipment, Nodule (25)

Not Yet Delievered: 2 Data Library, Warehouse, 2 Heavy Equipment, 2 Nodule

Notes: Minimum bids are listed in parenthesis. I'll need a name for your outposts. A copy of the advanced rules is enclosed for players; this is what we will use. Also, to speed things a long and make for a more tense game, there will only be 3 of all upgrades until we get to the Space Station etc. stage.

Eduard Shevardadze (97E) Spring 1906

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Turkey	Stephen Mayer	9454 Hawksmoor Ln Sarasota FL 34228

Supply Center Chart

Austria	(9)	ank, bud, bul, con, gre, rum, ser, tri, vie	Build two
England	(4)	den, edi, lon, lpl	
France	(2)	bre, par	
Germany	(8)	bel, ber, den, hol, kie, mun, nwy, swe, war	
Italy	(8)	mar, nap, por, rom, smy, spa, tun, ven	
Russia	(2)	mos, stp	
Turkey	(1)	sev	

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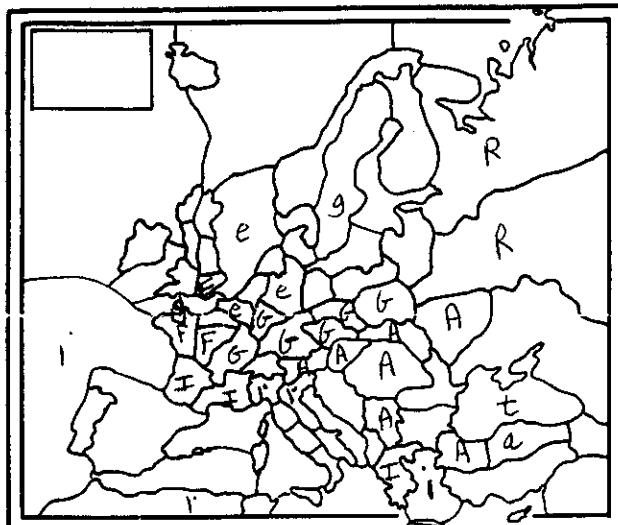
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Deadline: Fall 1906 orders are due April 20.

New Proposals: I, IG fail (1 to 2), AI 7-way draws fail (2 to 1)

Notes: Press is on page 9.

Austria	Build A Vie, A Tri. A Tri-Tyl, A Vie S A Tri-Tyl, A Gal S A Rum-Ukr, A Bud S A Gal, A Rum-Ukr, <u>F Smv-Arm (nso)</u> , F Ank U (H), A Bul-Ser, A Con H
England	Remove F Hel, F Eng-Bel, A Yor-Lon, F Den-Kie, F Nwg-Nth
France	Build A Par, A Par S A Bre, A Bre S A Par
Germany	F Den r otb, Build A Kie, A Kie-Ruh, A Bur S Pre A Par, A Mun S A Bur, A Tyl-Boh, A Sil S A Tyl-Boh, <u>A War S Rus A Mos-Ukr (nso)</u> , F Nth-Eng, F Nwy-Swe
Italy	F Mid S A Gas, A Gas H, A Mar S A Gas, F Naf H, F Lyo-Pie, F Apu-Ven, A Smy-Gre, F Aeg C A Smy-Gre
Russia	A Stp S A Mos, <u>A Mos S German A War-Ukr (nso)</u>
Turkey	A Rum r Sev, Remove A Rum, <u>F Bla-Ank</u>



Lord Mountbatten (98B) A Problem Develops

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Deadline: Spring 1901 orders are due April 20.

Notes: We have a problem. Eddy Laforge originally asked for an extension but didn't send in orders and hasn't been heard from since. As a result, would Melinda Holley (1823 Enslow Blvd, Huntington WV 25701) please standby for Austria? If Eddy gets his orders to me before the deadline (hint...), I put the results in the mail ASAP.

Dispatches From the Front

Eduard Shevardadze

Italy-Germany: Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes.

Austria-Germany: Go Go today rain some way again some day.

Germany-Italy: There's no such thing as second place. When one player wins, everyone else loses equally. Just ask Michael.

Germany-Austria: I offered you the game, and you wouldn't take it. Remember that when this thing ends in a six-way.

London-North Sea: Truly, I would have worked with you, but that time has passed. I know you don't agree with my philosophy on this matter, but after you've tried so many times to take ME down, I owed you this.

Austria-England: Skol Viking!

Germany-A/I: Two words: Weanie Madness.

France to England, Germany, Italy: Mercenary for hire.

Berlin-Moscow: I thought you were already with me till the end of the game. Remember St. Petersburg?

London-St. Pete: I trust all is well. Don't go silent on us now.

Italy-Turkey: Where are you?

North Pole-Board: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere I go...

Austria-World: Everyone cheer on the UNC Tarheels as they go for another NCAA title!

GM-Austria: Agreed.

Konrad Adenauer

France-England: You made your bed, now lie in it.

France-Germany: Get the %\$#@ out of my country!!!!

Sultan-Rasputin: You are killing me. For your treachery, you must die.

Turkey-Rome: The French Riviera is much nicer this time of year than Turkey.

Rome-London: I like your idea of the grand tour, but let's change the order a bit. We're doing some restoration work ourselves but we found some printers who weren't busy to print up some spare visas for you.

Rome-Moscow: Hmmm, the road less travelled and the allure of danger, welcome to the Bates hotel!

Bonefish Turn Eleven Revisited

Vince "The Drill" Lutterbie	Plays D10	Buys 3 American
Pat Conlon	Plays D1	Buys 2 Continental, 1 American
Ed Rothenheber	Plays I8	Buys 1 Continental
David Hood	Plays A11	Restarts Worldwide, buys 3 Continental

	A	C	E	I	L	T	W	\$
Size	2	4	22	2	3	8	2	—
Price	300	600	900	400	300	600	300	—
Bank	21	5	4	17	11	5	17	—
P. Conlon	1	7	8	2	-	3	-	1450
D. Hood	-	6	-	-	5	7	8	2400
V. Lutterbie	1	-	3	4	9	10	-	50
E. Rothenheber	2	7	10	2	-	-	-	800

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Deadline: Turn twelve orders are due April 20.

Order: Conlon, Rothenheber, Hood, Lutterbie

Notes: The GM is an idiot who managed to misplace Ed's orders last turn. Please accept my apologies...

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	x					C	C		A		W	W
B				F		C	C		A			
C	F	F	F	F	F					L	L	
D	F	F		F	F					L		x
E		F			F	F						
F			T			F						x
G	T	T	T			F	F		I	I		
H			T	T		F	F					
I	x		T	T		F	F	F	F			x

Your Tiles:

Random Notes

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Jeff Taylor

Since you didn't answer Denis Jones about *Starship Troopers*, I'll assume you didn't see it and answer for you: it was f*cking great! Of course, dipshit American reviewers didn't get the satire, which tells you how stupid they are. One guy from the *Washington Post* actually said it was pro-Nazi! Never mind it came from a director with a history of bloody satire (*Robocop*) and who happened to be a Dutch national who watched the SS overrun his town and build a V2 launcher in his backyard.

If it is any more complicated than: 1) boy meets girl, falls in love, overcomes plot point X, live happily ever after or 2) good (bad) alien saves (tries to destroy) world while humans discover their humanity; forget it.

Another great, underappreciated war movie runs on Ted Turner's networks constantly — *Kelly's Heroes*, from 1970, starring Clint Eastwood, Don Rickles, Donald Sutherland and a bazillion more. Funny with great action and characters, plus the right equipment. German Tigers are Tiger tanks, not M-48 Patton tanks painted with Iron Crosses like in *Battle of the Bulge* or about 500 other WWII movies. Bunches of other period vehicles too. Squads carry Browning Automatic Rifles which jam, just like real life BARs.

Nothing can ruin a movie faster for me than seeing ill-researched crap on the screen.

»Yes, there's nothing like poorly researched "historical" movies. Of course, why do we expect accuracy? The people who make them and review them are not interested in history. Or even making interesting war movies, especially after Vietnam. (Unless you consider anything Oliver Stone has done to be "historical.") In part, this is because we, as moviegoers and as a nation, don't particularly care about history.

However, when somebody bothers to do things right, the results are tremendous. Instead of watching any of the hundreds of inane World War II submarine flicks, most of which have nothing plots and predictable endings, I'd recommend the German film *Das Boot*. The movie is written by someone that actually survived on a U-Boat dur-

ing World War II. You feel like you are in a submarine. Being in a submarine is not comfortable. That's the point. And like most good war movies, it is disturbing and depressing.

Denis Jones

Lock up your bars, your record shops, your university halls. See you at Dixie World DipCon. I'd want accommodations on the Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night. If I find out that other things /days are occurring I'll extend my stay, okay? I fly back to the UK on the 28th of May from Atlanta, and before the convention I've got a few weeks in Texas. Any chance of a booking form?

Other potential attendees dropped their mouths open with astonishment when I said I'd spend nearly a month in the States. Anyway, can you afford to do it another way I asked, especially as I'm flying miles away beforehand.

I will remind you that we got blind drunk drinking shots in Colonel Chutney's, or whatever it was called. It was not the beer. Up the road a new pub has opened and it serves a lethal brew that would knock us all out in about 3 pints.

So I hope the Con is at the usual spot as I could be lost otherwise, and I trust you'll know that I am unfussed by the Diplomacy.

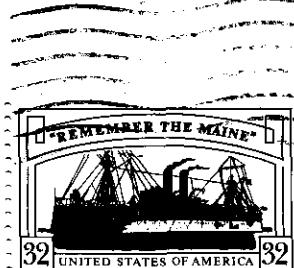
This of course has lead to problems. Over half the regulars at the London Hobbymeat are spending a long weekend in Amsterdam in March. Despite much arm twisting, I declined the chance to go. Lack of money and the lack of holiday was my excuse. I wished them a good time too.

Musically, I'll recommend Scott 4, Foil, and Hypnotic Clambake. The later being sold to me on the line "You'll love this album." Minor shock for lots of people in this country was Cornershop having a number one single, with "Brimful of Ashe." I am still recovering.

Otherwise not much else to report. The Charlton season progresses a lot better than anyone expected. The Labour government becomes more right-wing, more quickly than anyone expected. And lots of people get very upset as TV is very boring at the moment, so bombing Iraq back to the stone age was the most eagerly awaited show for a long time. Oh well.

—MPL

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Thanks for
the standby
orders. -ME

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